industries rubber processing industries and vehicular traffic.

(b) The Mathura Refinery is conforming to the prescribed standards and there is no plan so saift this industry to any other location

Monitoring the Pollution Near Taj Mahal and Ganga River

1619. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:
SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the action that has since been taken by Government to monitor the pollution near the Taj mahal and the holy Ganga river in the light of the Supreme Court verdict directing continuous and close monitoring of such pollution, indicating the precise orders of the Supreme Court in the matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): The Hon'ble supreme Court vide its order dated October 27, 1993 had ordered the closure of 212 industries which have not installed Air Pollution Control devices in the Agra Mathura region, the Hon'be Supreme Court vide its order dated January 12, 1988, has also asked the Municipalities in the cities on the bank of the river Ganga in UP to file affidavit to the fact whether they have set up effluent treatment plants to the satisfaction of the UP State Pollution Control Board.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 10th September, 1993 had directed the Mathura Refinery to file a detailed affidavit giving the status of the functioning of Air Pollution Control devices, installed in the refinery.

The follow up action is taken up by the concerned Municipalities, and the UP Pollution Control Board. Status report is filed by the UP Pollution Control Board to the Hon'ble Supreme Court, from time to time.

US Aid to Pakistan by Dropping Pressler Amendment

1620. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the move by the US State Department of resume military and economic aid to Pakistan by dropping the Pressler Amendment which bars military and new economic aid to Pakistan unless the president certifies that Pakistan does not possess a nuclear device; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thercato?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Government are aware that the US State Department has suggested a discussion draft to the US Congress on a new Foreign Assistance Act which seeks to repeal the pressler amendment and make it more generic in language.

(b) The discussion draft seeks to bar US foreign aid to "non-nuclear weapon States" which receive, on or after the date of enactment of the International Security Assistance Act of 1977, nuclear enrichment or reprocessing equipment, materials, or technology from any other country or receives a nuclear explosive device or datonates a nuclear explosive device. It allows for exemption "if the furnishing of such assistance is important to the national interest of the United States" and "will further US non-proliferation objectives".

Government consistently monitor developments such as these which impact upon India's security concerns. Government have already underlined its concern about the effect that the repeal

of the Pressler Amendment would have on Indo-US relations if this leads to transfer of frontline weapon system from the US to Pakistan, Government constantly monitor developments having a bearing on India's security and remain committed to take necessary steps to safeguard India's national interest.

दक्षिण अफ्रीका के साथ राजनयिक संबंध

1621. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने दक्षिणी अफ्रीका के साथ राजनयिक संबंध स्थापित किये हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या निकट भविष्य में विदेश मंत्री द्वारा दक्षिण अफ्रीका का दौरा करने की संभावना है।

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद): (क) और (ख) दक्षिण अफ्रीका के विदेश मंत्री श्री आर० एफ० बोथा की हाल की भारत यात्रा के दौरान (21-22 नवम्बर, 1993) दोनों पक्षों के बीच राजनयिक एवं कौंसली संबंधों की स्थापना संबंधी प्रोतोकोलो पर हस्ताक्षर हुए थे।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

Steps Taken to Acquire Sophisticated Technologies

@1622. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of US policies on India's efforts to obtain sophisticated technolgies, any steps have been taken by Government to acquire the same from other countries; and

(b) if so, the outcome of such efforts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTRNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) The US and other Western countreis maintain controls on the export of sophisticated technologies and sensitive commodities to countries in the developing world. Government have repeatedly made known its objection to such adhoc technology-denial regimes. Government are committed to the indigenous development of sophisticated technologies which cannot be obtained from foreign sources.

Misappropriation of Funds of ICWA

1623. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what action Government have taken against the management of ICWA who has misappropriated the grant-in-aid of lakhs of rupees in 1986 received from Ministries of External Affairs and Human Resource Development; and

(b) whether it is a fact that on earlier occasion the External Affairs Ministry has stated in the House that Government have taken action against misappropriation of grant-in-aid by ICWA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) ICWA is an autonomous body and the Government is not associated with its functioning. However, complaints regarding its functioning continue to be received by Government.

(b) No such reference was made. The then Minister of State for External Affairs, on 5th September, 1990 while moving the Motion for consideration of the Indian Council of World Affairs Bill. 1990 had referred to financial and management problems in the Council with serious complaints being received by the Government.

Representation of Employees Regarding Taking over the Management of the Indian Council of World Affairs

1624. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are receiving representations from employees and scholars regarding their

@'Previously Unstarred Question 945 transferred from 9-12-1993